

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS


Pending Claims

Claims 1 – 24 are pending in this application. The claims have been amended to eliminate multiple dependencies and to better conform them to U.S. practice. The Applicants submit that the claims as amended and the application are in good form for allowance.

Conclusion

A favorable response is solicited. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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